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9 April 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: Report of Personal Meeting with ARAMIAN/A

1. A personal meeting was held by the undersigned with Subject between 1345 and 1346 on 9 April 1958 in Washington, D. C. Subject said he had arrived in Washington, D. C. with L. L. L. for the purpose of attending a joint conference of the FORTH H. J. with members of the Department of State. Subject said he preferred not to talk in his hotel because of L. L. L. as the undersigned and Subject walked along Pennsylvania Avenue between 17th and 18th streets.

2. Items of operational interest discussed were:

- a. Chartering of the non-profit organization
- b. Celebration of Armenian Independence Day and reception by Members of Congress
- c. Safety of the ARAMIAN/A newspaper
- d. Relocation of ARAMIAN/A to the United States.

3. Elaboration of paragraph 2:

- a. ARAMIAN/A was furnished the names of two lawyers mentioned by the Office of the General Counsel. These two, [] and [] are Attorneys-at-Law in New York City who were formerly with the Agency. Subject had requested the names of lawyers known to us in order to be more secure in his own mind about the chartering of the Armenian Non-Profit organization which is to receive the benefit payment. Subject said that he has gone ahead with the selection of members of the ARAMIAN/A and NR organizations who will be officers of the organization and also be willing of the money involved but not its source. In view of the time involved it does not seem possible that the benefit money will be paid prior to ARAMIAN/A's departure for France.
- b. Subject spoke of the grateful manner in which their Independence Day celebration went off. He was in Canada

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at the time, but [] and an Arch-Bishop of the Byelorussian Church were greeted officially by President Nixon, here in Washington, D. C. [] and the Arch Bishop were also received by Congress. Seven Congressmen made speeches and had them entered in the Congressional Record while 50 Congressmen gave oral press interviews concerning the Byelorussian Independence Day. Governor Wagner of New York plus several other Governors proclaimed 25 March 1953 as an Official Day honoring the Byelorussian Independence.

- c. Subject asked if any new information concerning the security of the newspaper was available. Underigned could only reply that he had no new information.
- d. Subject also spoke of his desire to immigrate to the United States. Underigned related what had been told him by [] of Alien Affairs: that Subject would have to apply on the normal quota and wait five years. Underigned told Subject that there were other ways that it might be possible, if one filed a reciprocal Congressman to have a private bill put through. In view of the reception accorded Subject said his emigration had been discussed with other people from our organization with whom he has been connected but that nothing had ever been done to help him, and that he was trying once again with the underigned.

b. Miscellaneous

- a. Subject also requested that he be given a new phone number to transmit to [] and to [] for operational use. He was furnished with the DCS starling - home number ABMS 2-1057. A postal address, [] P.O. Box 7750, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, D. C., was also furnished to both [] and []
- b. The meeting was terminated at 1:35 and plans made to meet on the 18th of April at 1000 in the morning in the lobby of the Roger Smith Hotel.

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